

11. Stop curtailment of pension facilities.
12. Bonus to all without any restriction.
13. Stop anti-worker amendments to Labour Acts.

(c) As the demands raised by the Federation fall within the purview of the State Government, necessary action is required to be taken by the State Governments.

Allocation of funds for NER

*117. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the unallocated amount of money available in the Non lapsable fund for North Eastern region as on 1 st April, 2002;

(b) the principles which are being following by Government in sanctioning allocations from the fund;

(c) the allocation of funds since the inception of the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the mechanism for monitoring the projects financed out of the fund?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Union Ministries and Departments are required to spend at least 10% of their Budget on schemes/projects for the benefit of the North Eastern Region and Sikkim. Some Union Ministries/Departments have been specifically exempted from the requirement because of location/scheme specific nature of the Plan provision in the Budget. Shortfalls in meeting this target are pooled in a Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) constituted to support development projects in North Eastern Region and Sikkim. The actual amount of unallocated money in the NLCPR is under reconciliation.

Detailed guidelines have been formulated for implementation of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources which, *inter alia*, include the following essential eligibility conditions for a project to be considered:

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- (i) the proposals should be for financing of capital projects, or improving utilization of existing assets;
- (ii) the proposals should be accompanied by a Detailed Project Reports (DPR) and should be clear from all administrative and regulatory angles;
- (iii) the project outlay should be more than Rs. 1 crore;
- (iv) the cost of the land acquisition is riot eligible for funding under the Central Pool.

(c) By 31.3.2002, an amount of Rs. 1346.72 crores has been released from the Central Pool for the various projects in the North-East and Sikkim. State-wise details are given below:

States	(Rs. in crores)				
	Funds released				
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001*02	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	19.65	43.96	74.24	152.85
Assam	28.81	105.86	69.31	89.18	293.16
Manipur	20.34	121.67	23.85	18.56	184.42
Meghalaya	8.79	3.00	32.63	22.39	66.81
Mizoram	9.00	62.15	27.06	69.86	168.07
Nagaland	20.01	44.08	15.91	52.16	132.16
Sikkim	10.00	32.01	23.78	49.71	115.50
Tripura	10.00	22.50	67.08	115.71	215.29
Common to NE	—	9.00	9.46	—	18.46
TOTAL	121.95	419.92	313.04	491.81	1346.72

(d)The projects are monitored, including through physical verification, by various agencies in the Union Government. Additionally, for each project, Quarterly Progress Report and Utilisation Certificate is obtained. Only after receipt of Utilisation Certificates, the second and subsequent instalments of project funds are released. Officers of this Department

have commenced field inspections of projects under execution. At the request of the Department, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has agreed to undertake audit of some projects during their execution itself. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure that developmental projects are regularly monitored.

Stoppage of Oxygen supply in Kalavati Saran Children Hospital

†*118. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Nashey mein dhut technician ne Oxygen rokee, derh darzan bachchey maut ke muh mein jaate-jaate bache", which appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara', dated 4th June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance department of his Ministry had made a surprise visit of Kalavati Saran Children Hospital about a month back and many employees on duty were found badly intoxicated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi there was disruption in oxygen supply for around 4-5 minutes in Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital on 2.6.2002, in the early hours (2.30 A.M.). The disruption occurred due to negligence of the pipeline operator on duty who was found in an inebriated condition. However, immediately on detection of disruption in oxygen supply, the oxygen cylinders available in Wards/Units were made operational to prevent casualties. The Hospital Authorities have also informed that to stop recurrence of such incidents, it has been ensured that spare oxygen cylinders are available in their Wards/Units for use in any such emergencies of disruption of oxygen supply. Besides, a Chief Medical Officer has been deputed to monitor the functioning of the Manifold Room and to conduct surprise checks at regular intervals.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.